



## **Theater Security Cooperation Joint Contact Team Program-Ukraine**

### **JCTP Mission:**

The mission of the Joint Contact Team Program (JCTP) is to deploy US military teams to Ukraine to acquaint the Ukrainian military with various aspects of western militaries. The program was developed in 1992 to assist the armed forces of Ukraine, as the military of one of the emerging democracies of Central and Eastern Europe.

### **JCTP-Ukraine Background:**

Established in 1998, the JCTP has conducted over 300 events in the past six years. The JCTP is executed by the Office of Defense Cooperation Bilateral Affairs Office (BAO). The BAO currently consists of three US military members (1 ARNG O-4, 1 USAF O-3, 1 USAF E-7), two Ukrainian liaison officers, and assisted by five contractors. An additional 35 events are approved for Calendar Year (CY) 2004. All military services and the California National Guard (Ukraine's State Partner), provide subject matter experts to execute JCTP events.

### **Significant Accomplishments by the JCTP in CY 2003:**

- Assisted in reforming military education curriculums at all levels and specialties
- Familiarized Ukrainian leaders with US recruiting programs in support of an all-volunteer force
- Provided models for a professional Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) Corps
- Assisted in creating a Military Police force
- Advanced a closer relationship with NATO and greater interoperability with NATO forces

### **Priority focus for CY04:**

- Rapid Reaction Forces development
- NATO interoperability
- Transition from conscript to contract service
- Joint Forces operations

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